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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:



The Placer County Sheriff's Department received an early Christmas gift in the form of a new, rent-free air operations hangar at the Auburn Airport.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors accepted the donation from the family trust of Merv Hall, a local retired businessman and philanthropist. The 3,600-square-foot hangar increases the space the department's helicopter currently occupies and will enable the Sheriff's Department to consolidate the

fixed-wing and helicopter operations under one roof.

"This incredibly generous donation from the Hall family will make our vital air operations more efficient," said Sheriff Ed Bonner. "The support of Merv and his family makes a big difference in this community."

The aircraft will move into the new space in January. The hangar, with its painted floors and hanging model planes, also has office space and restroom facilities. The hangar will serve as the home of the Sheriff Department's new helicopter, once its purchase is approved by the Board of Supervisors.



The department's helicopter, above, and its twin-engine Navajo, left, will soon be housed together in a rent-free hangar donated by local entrepreneur Merv Hall and his family trust.